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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 17, 2002, please consider the following remarks, which indicate a provisional election, with traverse, of the claims of Group I.

The Examiner asserts that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I. Claims 1-6, drawn to an agropolymer, classified in class 536, subclass 1.11;

Group II. Claims 7-18, drawn to a method of producing an agropolymer, classified in class 435, subclass 410; and